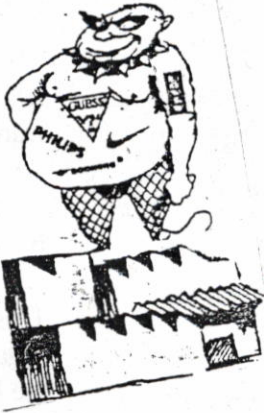


# PLAN PUEBLA-PANAMA



(A friend in Oaxaca, Mexico gave me this pamphlet. I did my best to translate it into English.)

#### Introduction:

This pamphlet was made as a testimonial of communities and organizations that came together to tell, from their own experiences, what the Plan Puebla Panama (PPP) is and how it affects the diverse population, depending on the region, identifying also the distinct municipal plans of development that exist as small parts that form PPP.

Like a puzzle, they put together their experience to obtain a whole vision of what is happening in different parts of the country. They formed the Red de Respuesta y Resistencia (Network of Response and Resistance). One of the worst problems that we face with PPP is misinformation. Because of that, we created this pamphlet with the intent to cover some of the principal parts of the plan.

This pamphlet can be read in parts, or completely, or only some themes, depending on which is the major necessity of the region. It was made to reach as many nooks and crannies as possible. You can spread it or reproduce it. Between all of us we can counter the lack of information about PPP.

The info in this pamphlet is very general, because of that it is necessary to look in your community to see the effects of PPP, which problems exist there, and how to confront them.

The testimonies that have led to the realization of this pamphlet, as well as articles and news about PPP, are contained on the web page [vspp.8m.com](http://vspp.8m.com)

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# THE MAQUILA AFFECTS:

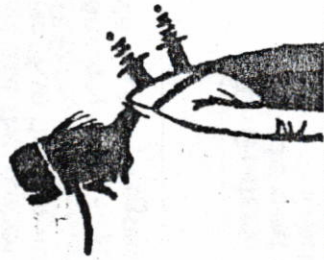
The agriculture and economy of the region



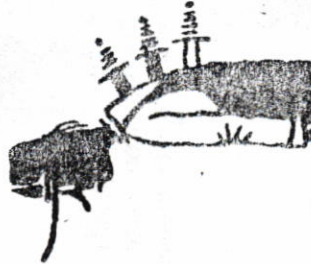
Health: on Mexico's northern border, babies are born with deformities from toxins released by maquilas.



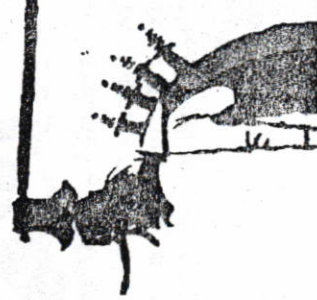
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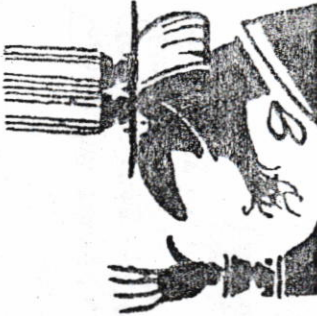
The cultural life of the community.



Human rights, workers rights



The sovereignty of the country.



But what can we do?

It's not easy to get rid of established maquilas that communities are dependent on. It's necessary to promote workers' rights, to build DIY alternatives so communities can decide on their own form of development and economy.



By spreading this pamphlet, organizing with your community, denouncing violations of rights, constructing DIY projects, and every thing else you can think of to stop these abuses.

Avoid the arrival of maquilas where they aren't yet installed.

How?



## Plan Puebla Panama and the Maquila

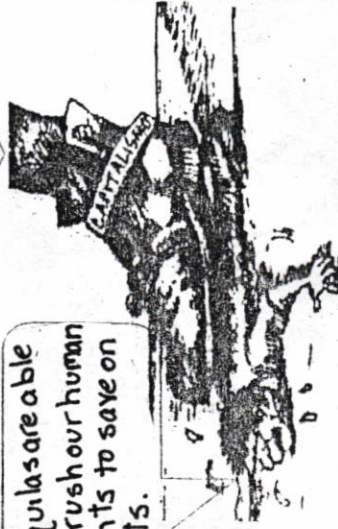
THE PROGRESS SEEN FROM THE EXPLOITATION AND DESTRUCTION

Where are you taking me Mr. Fox?



A maquila is a factory dedicated to mass production for multinational corporation like Guess, Levi's, Nike, etc.

Maquilas are able to crush our human rights to save on costs.



Mr. Fox and Mr. Bush's mascot, Florencio Salazar, barbs the following:

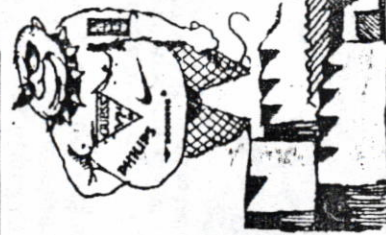
"The indigenous communities must be partners in the PPP, contributing their part, their land, to the investment."



Florencio Salazar  
PPP Coordinator



To progress little one, to progress with the PPP, I give you the opportunity to work in a maquila.



They do not pay fair wages. A Worker in Tehuacan or Ajalpan makes about 5000 pair of Levi's a week and earns about 250-350 pesos a week. One pair of Levi's costs from 1200-1500 pesos.



to me, everything, to everyone else, nothing

Under the PPP, the government takes land from campesinos to put in maquilas that serve foreign interests. But first they must destroy the economy of Mexican farms: with unfair prices imposed on it products, the opening of commerce to genetically engineered foods, etc.



The PPP is from the USA

Don't worry, I have a strong hold on you.



Campesinos' land is bought for 70¢ a square meter then resold for hundreds of dollars, to put in commercial centers, where the campesinos can not afford to shop, or maquilas, where they must work.

You are going to become my slave on what used to be your land.

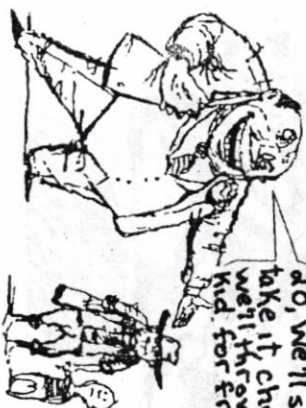


It's said that 12 maquilas in Chihuahua plan to change the Veracruz-Acapulco Corridor and various maquilas in Tehuacan that would do the same to Oaxaca.



That's because the further south the company goes, the lower the wages they pay. In El Paso, TX pay is \$97 a day. Across the border in Ciudad Juarez it's 42¢, in Tehuacan \$15 and in other countries like Burma (Asia) the pay is less than \$2.90 a day.

The PPP causes competing offers between countries trying to attract foreign companies. These offers include cheap land, cheap manual labor, police repression of labor, lax environmental laws, etc.



20, we'll sell for 30¢, take it cheap and we'll throw in the kid for free!

The maquilas move into areas of extreme poverty, where conditions are perfect for exploitation and cheap manual labor, since the people have no other option than to work in the maquila. And if the people attempt to defend their rights, the maquila moves, "since there are always more poor communities to exploit."

FOR AN EGRITARRIAN SOCIETY



Equals! I destroy mine and they do not cause problems



In Tlaxcala, the maquila pays \$70/week to children who work from 1 to 7 at night. These children leave school at a young age.

What do you wish for on Child's Day?

childhood



The majority of maquila workers are women (70%) between the ages of 16 and 24. The PPP sees this as an advantage.

We are the women who work in the maquila. We are forced to show our sanitary pads to prove we aren't pregnant.

In Guatemala, security guards beat workers they thought were pregnant.

If we refuse to work over time we don't get paid at all, we get fired.

They mistreat us, abuse us, imprison us, and give us amphetamines so we will work faster and longer.

When the maquila uses up the natural resources - cuts down the trees, creates smog, contaminates the rivers (in Tehuacan the rivers have been dyed blue) - it moves on to another community to do the same, leaving the people that depended on the maquila without means of survival.

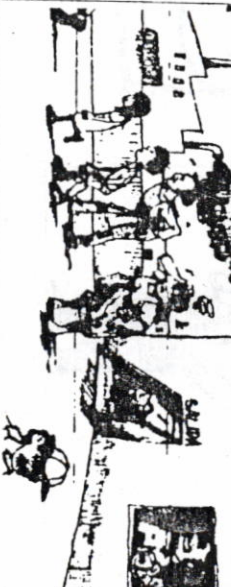


In Cuetzalan, Puebla, a mainly agricultural area, people are going to work in Tehuacan's maquilas, having to buy food that they used to grow.

It is sad because we are going to depend on cans of food sold to us by foreign engineers, knowing we used to grow it.

The government does not see the problems the maquila causes. It doesn't want to see.

We are partners with the maquila. (Like in Tlaxcala, Puebla, and Guerrero.)





If they buy our land, the money will only last a few months.



If we sell the land, we will have to make and buy products in commercial centers, at prices ten times what we're paid and who knows where the money goes!

But, if we work the land we live on, we live for our selves as well as for our children, grand-children, etc.

If they buy it from us, they must reimburse our descendants for the rest of their lives. This way things are just a little bit more fair.



We produce the food on which we all live. It is fair that we live well. Those that have much money, earn more for things they don't need, things that often damage their health.



The land belongs to those who work it. Not to those who want to contaminate it with their industries.

If we sell the land and its resources, we sell Mexico.

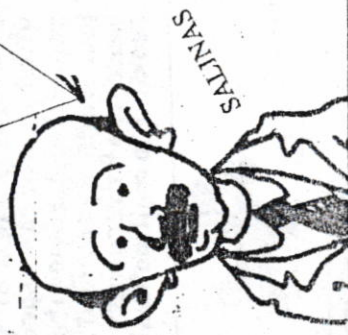
this comic strip is a compilation of campesinos' testimonies for the "Red de Respuesta y Resistencia"  
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# The Land is Not for Sale

Since we are going to get rid of poverty, can I export my radishes?



With the introduction of NAFTA in 1994, Mexico got more opportunities for progress. We are going to get rid of poverty.



No, we are the ones that will turn poor millionaires into multimillionaires.

With NAFTA, the product of the Mexican field is replaced by foreign products, of lesser quality but with more commercial power, causing greater poverty to the Mexican farmer.

American products, like their corn, are not fit for human consumption. The was discovered in a manifestation at the Northern border of Mexico.





I became the president of change. Now, with Plan Puebla Panama, farmers dying of hunger will change to workers and the unemployed dying of hunger



First we approve an anti-indigenous law, so these Indians can not decide on their territories, but we can.

How do we make that happen?

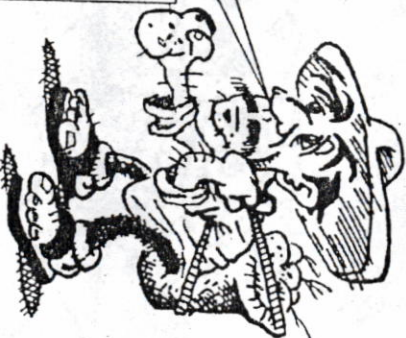
Easy, by applying the reformed article 27, where under the legal pretext of "public utility" you can expropriate their land, buying it at very low prices, by saying it's for the benefit of the country. Then resell it to multinational corporations.



The price paid to a land owner is a price estimated by the government and isn't based on the commercial price of the land. A square meter of land can be worth 2000 pesos but can be bought by the government for 70 cents, as happens in many communities.



Soon afterwards, the government resells the same land for hundreds of dollars a square meter.



In states like Puebla, Morelos, Veracruz, etc. the government expropriated the people's land, promising to put in parks, hospitals, schools, etc. They resold the land to companies that built commercial centers, factories, hotels, etc. When the original landowners are employed, it is as laborers, for less than 1.31 pesos an hour.

If it were really for the "public utility," the money the companies make would be put back into the communities. Like in a cooperative.

But you have to sell your land. We have been working hard to ensure your products won't sell well, giving preference to foreign products. We give you bad seeds, use up the water, leave fertilizers and pesticides to hurt the soil. Accept it, the small farm can not survive. You must sell your land.



The land is not for sale! It is our Mother Earth. The mother is not for sale, not for lease, not a gift.

The land is the history of our ancestors. We come from the land and back to the land we go. Our ancestors left in it their blood, sweat, strength, work and spirit. But what will we leave to our children, without land?



If we sell the land, where are we going to get our food from? The land provides for all. If they take the land we cultivated, Mexicans are not going to have anything to eat except synthetic products that produce diseases like cancer.

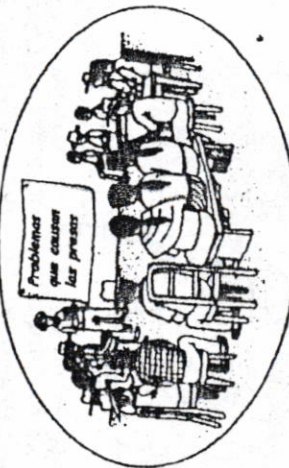


The industries want to pass through agricultural lands, because that's where the water the factories need is. They leave us without water for our crops, or the water they leave is contaminated by dyes and chemicals they throw out.



# BECAUSE ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

The alternatives contribute to the rise of political, social, cultural and economic changes coming from the people, not from political institutions and governments, thus achieving a true democracy.



It is necessary to carry out alternatives and resistance to neoliberalism and the PPP. Like the organizations united to hurt us,

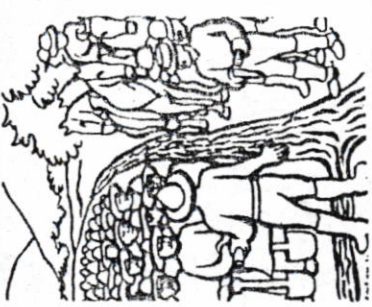


We must organize to defend ourselves.



The system is made of many parts, but so are we, and there are millions of us.

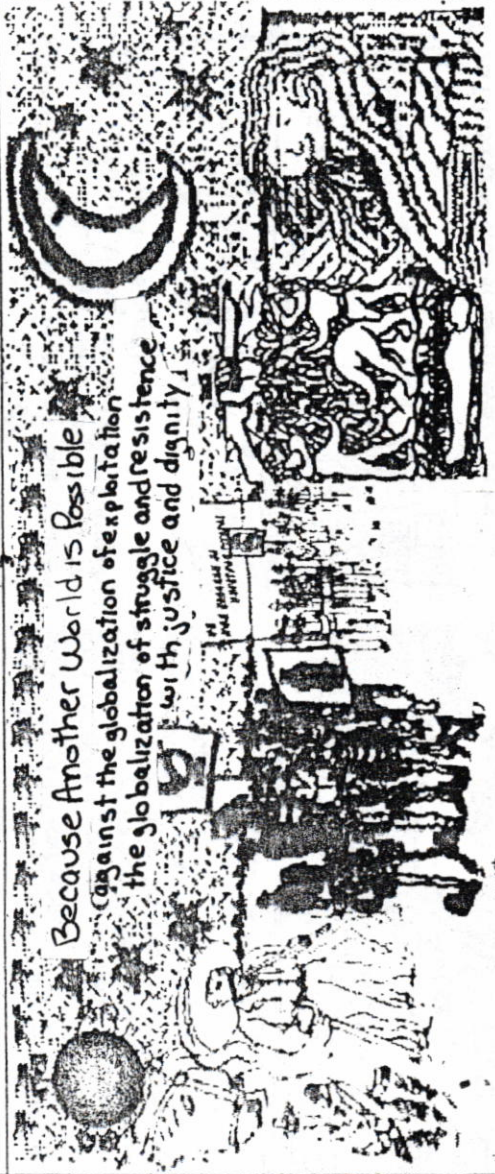
We must know the conditions we are going to struggle for, to decide the alternatives and resistance processes that are best for us. The alternatives mentioned here are only a few of the many that exist.



If we want a world where we all fit, we must learn to listen, know, and respect each other, avoid exerting power over others, and decide together what is best for everyone.



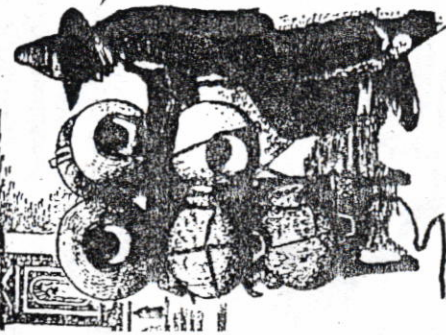
Because Another World is Possible  
Against the globalization of exploitation  
the globalization of struggle and resistance  
with justice and dignity.



Plan Puebla-Panama and neo-liberal politics in various peoples of the World



The response to a plan that makes communities economically dependent on big business? Economic independence and self-determination, to show that the can produce their own resources and projects for bettering their way of life. In this way, development is decided on for the sake of the community.



The alternatives that exist depend on the place you live.

The alternatives in the country are very different than those in the city. For example, in the country, communal life is strong, the people organize, know and support each other.



There is little community organizing in the city. People are more divided, of ten putting themselves in to groups, already being divided by their daily pastimes as workers, students, etc. Separated as much by attitudes as by actions.



The diverse conditions between city and country leaves space for creativity and imagination. It enriches the exchange of experiences. Resistance can happen individually or collectively. Leaving behind the idea of separation, informing more people, writing a poem, painting a picture, giving a part of yourself to the resistance. There are different forms of breaking the silence.





## ECOLOGICAL ALTERNATIVES

Prevent the consumption of non-renewable resources. Strengthen the network of ecologists, worldwide. Demand the conservation of biodiversity.



Recycling containers and packaging for their best uses. For example: art creations

Agriculture that doesn't use chemical fertilizers or harm the surrounding area. Break the dependence on authority.



Self-determination in the use of the community's natural resources.

## SOCIAL ALTERNATIVES

Open or liberate spaces for free demonstrations and discussions on health, education, politics, culture, etc.



Create, promote and strengthen means of alternative info. (leaflets, plays, murals, events, etc.)

Promote investigations of ecological problems and possible solutions, as well as the use of alternative energy.



Redeem preventative and traditional medicine

In Tehuiztla, on the border of Morelos + Guerrero, there is talk of a water sanitation project. This community has successful experience in recycling, composting, and growing organic vegetables.



Create means of independent communication like independent radio or magazines



Strengthen or create communication networks for exchanging experiences, for support and solidarity on local, national + international problems.

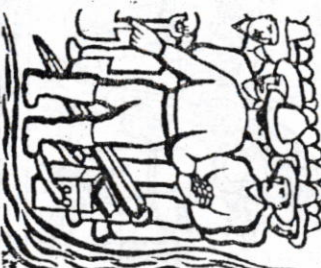
Alternative and public education, based on love and respect for nature, humanity, and service to and development of the community.



Create new, independent forms of community security, and attention to certain problems. Like community police, without the corruption.

## ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES

Trade networks for products and cultural materials, without the middleman. Already there are some fair trade programs.



Encourage alternative forms of rural development

Financial self-determination. Cooperative organization, taking control of the quality of agricultural production.

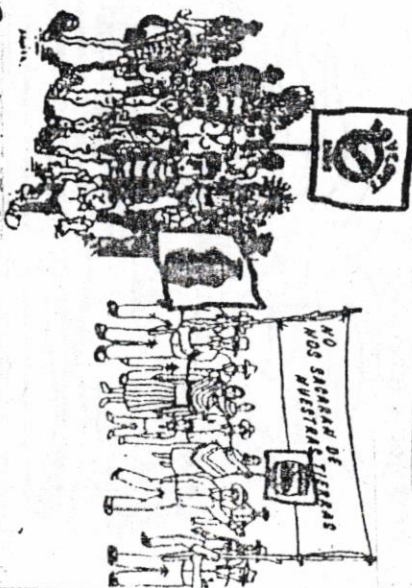


Sustainable autonomous projects, collectives in the city as well as in the country.

In Puebla, the "Center for Superior Indigenous Studies" has a program with an inclination towards traditional culture; they teach traditional medicine, Totonaca language, history of the community, their culture, agriculture, and other matter.



Lay groundwork for relations between city + country, also between producers + consumers.



Boycott harmful products and multinational corporations.

In Morelos, campesinos have organized funds to loans to others in poor economic conditions, so no one has to sell their land to the government or corporations.





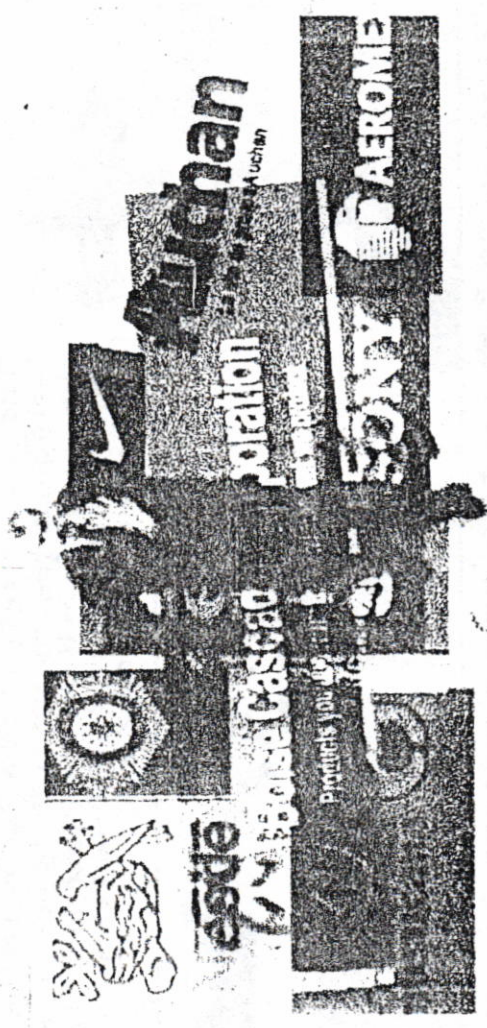
# LIFE IS NOT BUSINESS

ECOLOGY +  
MULTINATIONAL  
CORPORATIONS

The PPP looks to declare ecological zones in some municipalities of Huamantla, Guerrero, and parts of Cuetzalan, Puebla, but it's another pretext to turn the land into tourists centers, to exploit and rob the biodiversity, to make a business out of the land. Some companies send people who pretend to be interested in learning about the land, but in fact, their job is to identify the place apt for biological exploitation. In the forest of the Marqueses, the lungs of Mexico City, the government plans to build a highway from Atlixapán to Milpa and San Salvador Atenco, destroying this nature reserve.

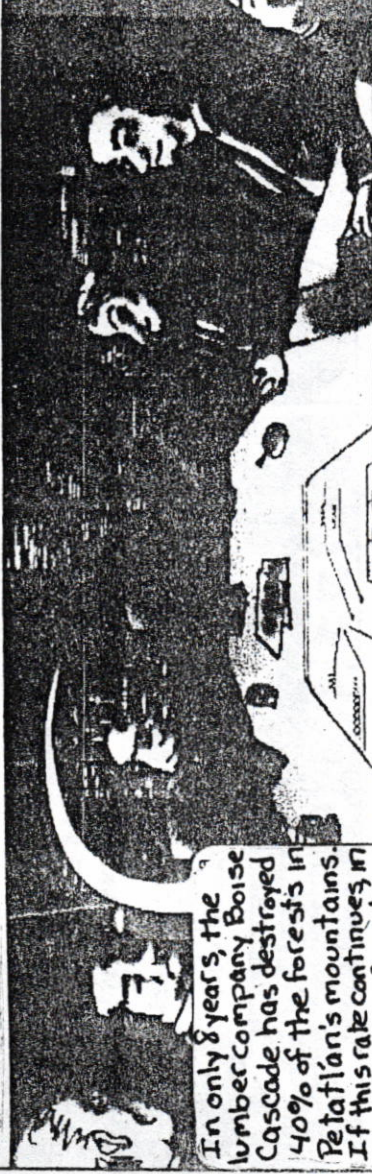


They want to put in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor, which would destroy the forests and use up the water, in an area that contains 40% of the world's biodiversity! Mexico has one of the highest rates of deforestation in the world. Why destroy our natural wealth? Because the corporations and the government receive enormous gains from this.



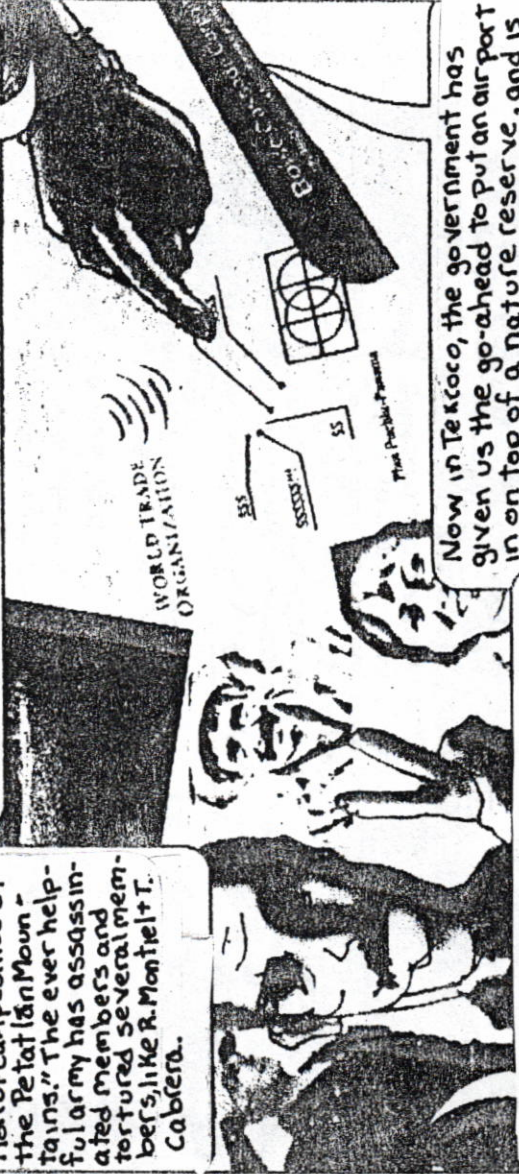
But we are Mexicans. This is where we live. We must organize ourselves and stop the economic agreements that only give money to a very few and leave us without the only wealth we have left - natural wealth.

In a faraway place, industrialists, politicians and the WTO secretly plan the "Global Agreement on Free Trade Wood," a macabre plan to rob our forests, exploit our labor, and leave us with the waste. Is it any wonder Mexico has the highest rates of deforestation in the world!



In only 8 years, the lumber company Boise Cascade has destroyed 40% of the forests in Petatlán's mountains. If this rate continues in 10 years the forests will be gone, we will be left without our slice of the pie! Ecologists and peasants have formed the "Organization of Campesinos of the Petatlán Mountains." The ever helpful army has assassinated members and tortured several members, like R. Montiel + T. Cabrera.

It's a similar situation in other forests of Mexico: the southern mountains of Oaxaca, Montes Azules, Chiapas. The peasants protest against us as "criminal destroyers of the forest." The imbeciles! As if you could fight against the power of money!



President Fox appointed control of the PGR to the military, set free the soldiers who tortured the ecologists, and had their defense attorney, Digna Ochoa, murdered. This shows that Fox is doing business with us!

Now in Texcoco, the government has given us the go-ahead to put an airport in on top of a nature reserve, and is repressing farmers who refuse to sell their land, for the prices we offer. I don't know that much will be lost, only a miserable little town of 22,000 inhabitants, "San Salvador Atenco."



What is next on the agenda?

SAGARPA's attempt to legalize commercial seeds of genetically engineered grains in Mexico.

Already Greenpeace claims we threaten the food supply of all Mexicans. As if those dead from hunger will have to eat!

We see the short term. Today you must work overtime.

In genetically engineered organisms, plants are combined with the genes of other plants, viruses, bacteria, and even human genes to make them resistant to the polluting, deadly plagues we also created. Circular business!

Transgenic food intended for consumption has shown some disadvantages: cancer, birth defects, allergic reactions that can lead to death, etc.

So, how is our war of extermination on Mexican peasants going?

Very well, although farmers in Morelos have denounced our corn seeds that ruin soil and yield poor crops. This way we forced them to buy our US and Canadian corn. So our transgenetics are selling well.

With the PPP, the government is handing us a silver platter - the trade of weed, the sale of transgenetics, it doesn't even matter that we are contaminating their country. We will fill Central America with sweatshops, take advantage of their peoples' misery, pay laughable wages, and not have to give benefits like vacations, retirement, or insurance, mwah, mwah, mwahahaha!

In Tehuacan, Puebla, maquilas contaminate 25,000 liters of water a day for industrial washing. While the maquilas have all of the water, the people have none. A similar thing happened in Tezuitlan, Puebla.

Pemtel Refineria

In the maquila zones, the government promised to install water lines. But they were constructed only for the use of the maquilas. The population pays for the cost, while small farms fail due to a lack of irrigation. For example, in Nogales, Veracruz, the Sabritas company left no water for the people.

The government protects and promotes the companies that contaminate the country and clear people from their land, under various pretexts. (I especially like the pretext of turning the land into ecological zones.)

Michuan

In Tlaxcala and in Puebla, with the Proyecto Angelópolis, the government expropriated land from the farmers at very low prices (up to 4 pesos a square meter), with the pretext of turning the land into an ecological zone. Some people were evacuated by police force, like criminals. Soon after, the government resold the land at enormous profit (up to 500,000 pesos a square meter) to companies like Comercial Mexicana, and Auchan, a golf course, and private schools. Today the land gives the companies huge profits that the original land owners do not see. Those without land are forced to work in maquilas the rest of their lives.



# EDUCATING FOR THE PLAN PUEBLA- PANAMA

I AM  
LOOKING  
FOR WORK



What  
references  
do you have?



Shave  
your  
beard.



Sorry,  
we don't  
have anything.



I studied  
for 9 years. Cut your  
hair.



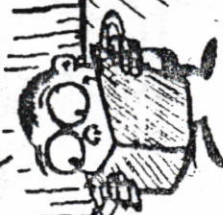
Get a  
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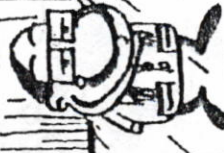
I told you,  
you have to be  
willing to adapt...



Professor, what have  
you heard about the  
Plan Puebla- Panama



According to President Fox, the pri-  
mary goal of the PPP is the devel-  
opment of the southeast region of  
the country.



Then they will give  
a large part of the  
budget to education  
in that region?



The region of the PPP is the poor-  
est in the country, has the low-  
est indications in education, yet  
the federal government will  
only spend 27% of the budget on  
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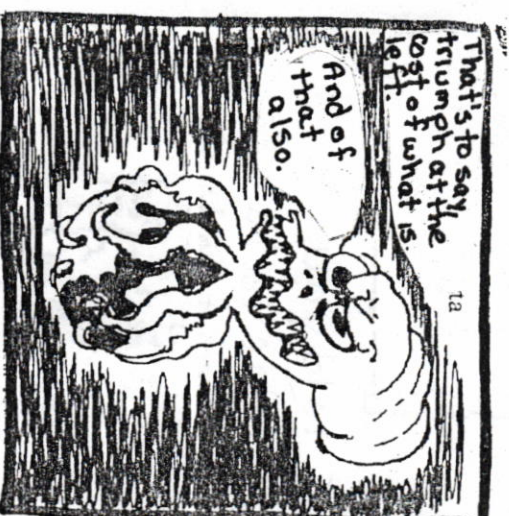
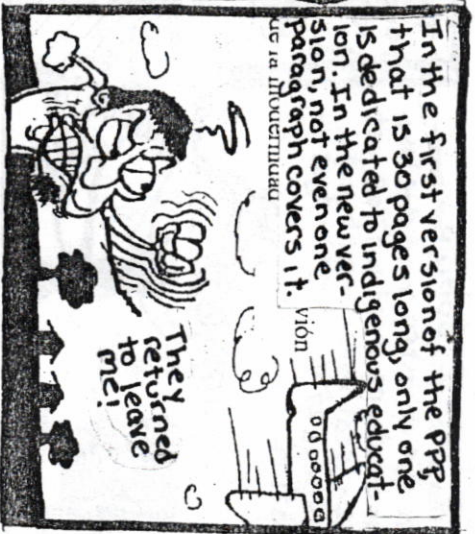


This follows logic- the poorest, div-  
ided and uneducated, are easily taken  
advantage of and exploited.

It's a beautiful  
tradition.







We are not given an education. What we study only serves to enrich a few. We share our knowledge (learned inside and outside of school) for the knowledge and development of our communities and of our nation (as much in the country as in the city).

EDUCATION THAT SERVES THE PEOPLE, AND NOT JUST THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.



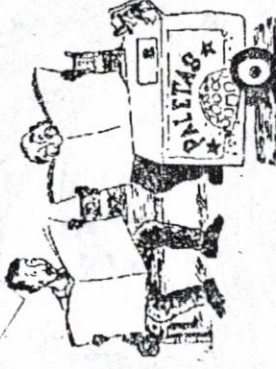
# PPP and INDIGENOUS LAW: So they are enslaved in their own land

The changes to the indigenous law allow companies, by means of the government, to exploit, steal, and sell natural resources, destroy trees, and contaminate the water - without paying the land-owners for the damage.

Land expropriation's force many indigenous to move to cities for work, causing the loss of customs, traditions, and culture.



Professor, aren't the indigenous law and the San Andres Accords the same thing?



Ah, it's a trap. They appear to say the same thing but in parts they are contradictory.

Wait, explain this slowly.



The San Andres Accords are the result of dialogue between the EZLN, indigenous Mexicans, and the federal government.



Some say the indigenous want autonomy, to become like a country within a country.

No, autonomy is respecting the differences of the indigenous while accepting them as Mexicans.



The San Andres Accords put much importance on human rights, esp. women's rights. With the PPP, maquilas became a center for rights violations. Women are beaten, locked in, shouted at, mistreated and unjustly paid for their work.



The reformed indigenous law and the PPP violate treaty 169 of the OIT (International Workers Org.), signed by Mexico, that says "Indian towns must be consulted about any measurements that would affect it."

"We see maquilas + the PPP as a threat because they bring disorder to the communities. We looked to create sustainable development\* under the COCOPA law." - indigenous woman from Tehuacan

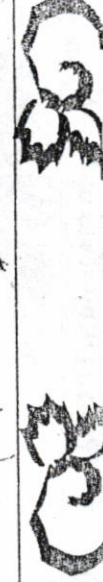


\* That allows us to decide for ourselves the development we want, enjoying nature without hurting it.

Self-determination, pueblos deciding how they want to live + develop. Respecting women + human rights. Deciding on the use of their natural resources. These items are in the San Andres Accords. So much water! Uh, no, this is This is a good spot where we grow for my maquila food.

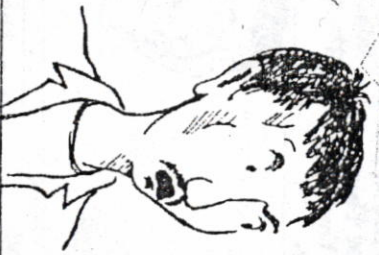


Since the signing of the Accords, the federal government came up with the COCOPA law (commission of the Agreement and Pacification). COCOPA is a summary of the San Andres Accords approved by the Congress of the Union. But they changed some things. The assholes did not recognize indigenous rights, approving in its place their "indigenous law."





OK, professors- if the San Andres records are for the benefit of Mexican pueblos + peace in the country, why did they make another law?



"We must support productive activities and the sustainable development of the indigenous communities by actions that allow them to reach sufficient economic income, the support for public and private investments to create employment, blah, blah..."



The PPP will open maguillas. The indigenous will have to go from working their own land to assembling products. The profits will go to other countries.

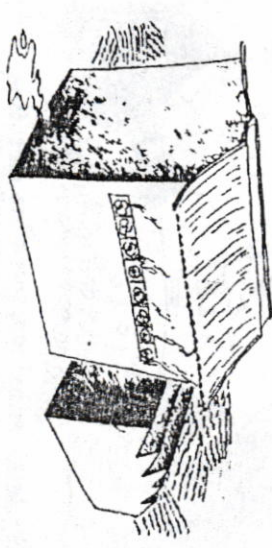
They became enslaved by foreigners in their own lands.



Because the new law works for them, it opens a gap for the PPP, read the part where they "end poverty".



That support for investments is, in fact, for the benefit of huge national and multinational companies. Their main attraction is cheap manual labor caused, in part, by the coffee crisis.



And other connections exist between PPP and the indigenous law?



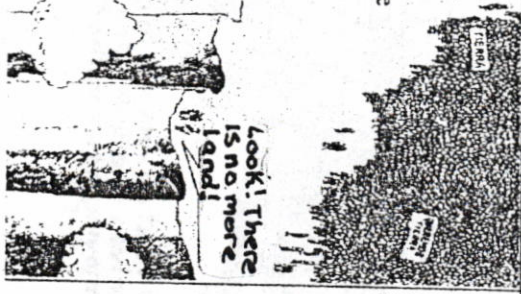
The great majority of Mexico's indigenous peoples live in the PPP region. The lands inhabited by the indigenous for centuries have been counted on for their natural resources. It is also a region of extreme poverty that can be taken advantage of for the Plan.

Through their autonomy, the indigenous can decide to not let the government + corporations to exploit natural resources, build superhighways or tourist centers.



For example, if a company wants to move in to a community, if the company is recognized as an "entity of public right," the community decides if the company moves in or not. But with the change in the law, companies are seen as "public interest" and they government decides if they move in or not. The communities are put into the service of the companies.

The San Andres accords protected indigenous people's lands. In the new law, the property and possession of indigenous land is not recognized. Whoever has the property title regard less of how they obtained it, although the indigenous are the ancestral inheritors.



The changes in Cofecog sees the indigenous as "entities of the public right" for "objects of public interest." The approved reform does not look for development by the communities, but submission and dependency on the "good will" of the Mexican government, who only takes into account the interests of big corporations.



And how is that?

But the installation of factories doesn't only affect the indigenous. The government will expropriate land under the pretext of "public use," of so-called benefit for the country, then destroy crop land for industrial parks, super highways, golf courses and tourist centers.



No, there's not much benefit to this little pueblo-panama plan.

We must remember that in part of the PPP region, the farmers and indigenous have already suffered the expropriation of their land, as in San Andres, Cholula, Puebla, Jalapilla.....





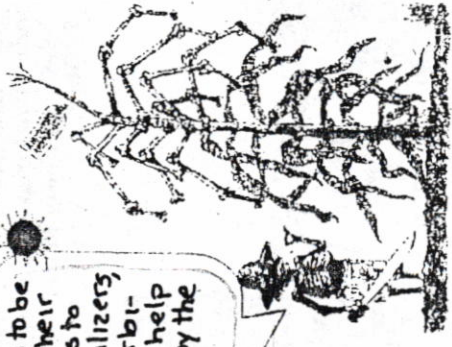
# THE NEWEST CORRIDORS

COMIC ABOUT THE CORRIDOR

It is sad because we are going to depend on cans of food sold to us by foreigners, knowing we used to grow it.



They want us to be dependent on their products, for us to use their fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, that we help them to destroy the land.



We can resist this can't we? They are not going to get away with this so easily.



Oh no, the government and organizations like the World Bank know they must fortify their corridors with repressive bodies and increased militarization.

Yes, and it is because they want to put in a golf course.



As if there aren't already paramilitary and spies in the communities and in the press, like the Procede. For example, in an autonomous municipality in Chiapas (Robert Barrios), the government has taken over the press so the people will accept the measures put on them.



This is difficult, but we have to put up a fight. Or are we going to walk away, to move for the government and corporations?

Ya no hablen tanto, Don't even speak of it. We are going to stop it!

nos quedamos impasados, vamos a pararla



Let's go resolve this!

Didn't I say that?

Hey pal, did you know they are going to clear our land and put in a highway?

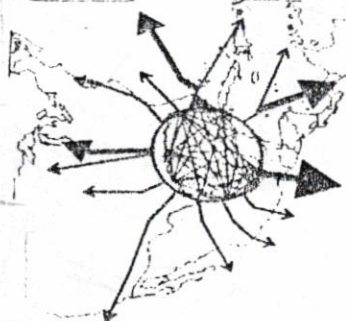


Well, we have been talking and informing ourselves about that. It is part of the economic project, the Plan Puebla Panama. It plans to build highways as part of what he calls "industrial corridors".



What's that?

Industrial corridors are factories and highways that can quickly transport merchandise to save time and money in the storage of products.



Whoa! How they plot! And who does this?



Transnational companies, like GAP, Levi's, Guess, Nike, Ford, Monsanto, etc.

The corridors also prevent workers from going to the us for jobs. This way we can exploit them legally.



What do you mean biological? They are going to do experiments on us?

Well almost, but with our natural resources. They are going to privatize our ancestor's knowledge of plants, agriculture, medicine, etc. And they are going to charge those who use this ancestral knowledge.

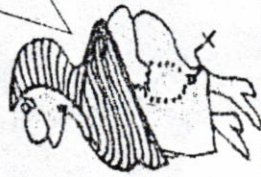






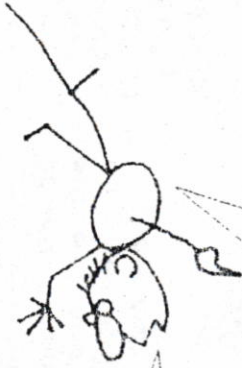


Tourism, education, telecommunications, maguillas are some of the themes of the PPP. An economy based only on the benefit of big business, that brings progress to the country. It affects all Mexicans, but is it the only food?



No! To counteract these measurements that will make us dependent, we must be strong and create autonomy and self-determination, to decide what development we need and how to create it.

Now is the time for us to organize to defend our land, our culture, our lives.



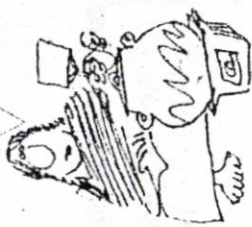
In Tephé, in the valley of the mezquite shrubs, there is an autonomous, indigenous enterprise that employs 190 people and pays dividends to 300 families of people who have worked on the communal property since 1991. Yes, another option does exist for the development and general growth of the country. Instead of selling it to foreign countries, we must push for growth from the same Mexicans who have been rightfully dependent on this land for generations.

# THE PLAN PUEBLA PANAMA

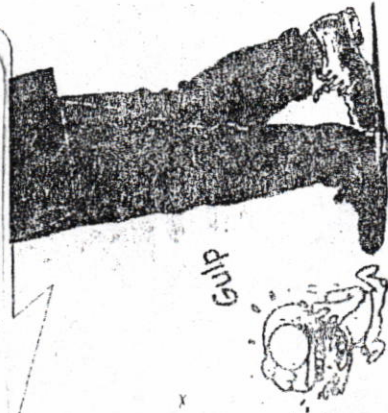
The PPP is a project that claims to be a development strategy, a vanguard of social, economic, environmental, and commercial expansion and integration, increasing sustained growth, and generating resources to provide employment opportunities, to obtain social development and the human population. -PPP document



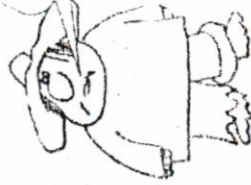
Does that mean I can export my tamales?



of course, but this is a country of "equal opportunities" You will have to compete with Delimex.



Where is this going to happen?

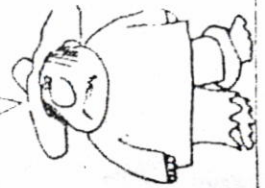


In Puebla, Veracruz, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Tabasco, Yucatan, Campeche, Quintana Roo and Chiapas, also in Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Panama

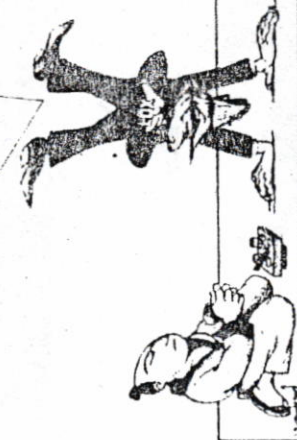
Don't worry, they aren't from the PPP. We will build highways, ports, gas lines, etc. etc.



Where will you put all of that?



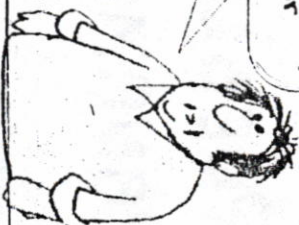
Well, wherever my foreign friends need to create industrial corridors.





PROGRESS IS  
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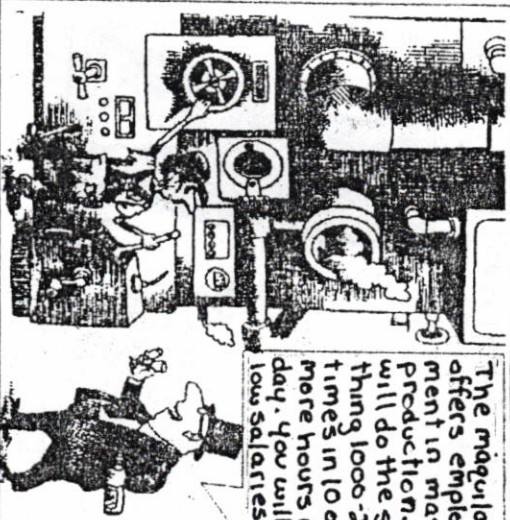
The industrial corridors are piles of factories connected by highways to make the transportation of merchandise easier, to save money for big corporations. Already they take advantage of poverty in the region by paying as little as possible for manual labor.



We need technicians capable of working in our industrial corridors.



The maquila offers employment in mass production. You will do the same thing 1000-2000 times in 10 or more hours a day. You will get low salaries.



This is the "March that will make the South-South East!" The further south we go, the lower the wages we pay. For example, in El Paso, TX the pay is 97 pesos a day. Across the border in Cd. Juarez it's 42 pesos a day, in Puebla, 16 pesos a day, in main countries like Burma, 8.16 a day.



This is what's going to happen on your land. Be ready, you have 10 seconds to leave.



But this land is our lives, our cultures.

If you let us make our artificial products on your land, we'll repay you with misery and displacement.



Or the city will move onto our land. Then all of our cultures will change.

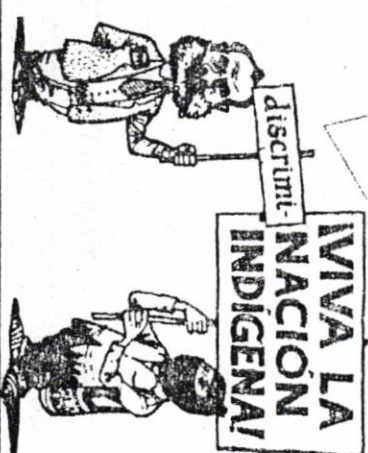
If they take our land, we'll have to move to the city to find work.



So, it's like this, your little piece of land can't be sold for much. We'll give you 4 pesos, maybe even 7, per square meter.



Why did you think we'd pass an "indigenous rights" law that didn't allow us to decide what to do with your land?



The zones of the plan are rich in biodiversity. As part of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor, we are going to privatize the land, water, oil, plants, and the ancestral memories of indigenous peoples. To put it simply, I'm going to sell Mexico to my gringos.

Oops! That's more than the eagles share!

